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(REVIEW OF TUES. AM PAPERS; CBS AM; TODAY)

RN IN JORDAN AND SAXBE'S CRITICISM OF RN PROVIDING
 G-J INFO TO HRH/JDE WERE THE LEAD ITEMS ON BOTH CBS AM AND
 TODAY. 1ST HOUR DOMINATED BY INTERVIEW W/ WOODWARD-BERNSTEIN.
 POST AND TIMES ONLY 2 OF 7 TO LEAD W/ RN PLEDGE TO
 ISRAEL. NUCLEAR AID IS IN POST HEAD; "LONG TERM HELP" IN
 NYT. AND INSIDE PAGE IS TOPPED; "WARM WELCOME FOR NIXONS
 IN JORDAN" OVER PHOTO. 4 P. L PHOTOS OF SOMBER RN IN HAT
 AT MEMORIAL... SUN W/ P. L PHOTOS OF NIXONS AND HUSSEINS
 SHAKING HANDS. SIMILAR PHOTO TOPS TRIB'S BACK PAGE; "BLOODS
 FOR THE NIXONS."

#3 STORY IN SUNT "NUCLEAR PLEDGE MADE/US TO HELP ISRAEL."
 ...#3 IN MONITOR "RN REASSURES ISRAEL W/ PROMISES." ALSO
 P. L1 "JORDANIANS PRESS FOR AGREEMENT."

#4 IN TRIB "ISRAEL WARY AS RN VISITS JORDAN/DESPITE
 REASSURANCES."

#3 IN INQUIRER "RN; ISRAEL AGREE ON A-POWER ACCORDS."
 INSIDE PAGE IS BANNERED; "M-E OUTLOOK BEST IN 26 YEARS," HAK
 SAYS."

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2 P. 2 STORIES IN NY NEWS, AGAIN PHOTO FROM MEMORIAL
 "ATOMS FOR ISRAEL OFFERED BY RN -- AND SOME EXTRA" AND "RN
 IN JORDANI PATIENCE ON TROOP EXIT."...JOURNAL STORY: "RN
 LINKS LONG RANGE AID FOR ISRAEL TO CONTINUED M-E PEACE
 EFFORTS."

KALMBACH SENTENCE LEADS 2 OF THE OTHER 5 OF 7 AMSJ
 "POLLSTERS DIFFER ON RN VERDICT" IS MONITOR LEAD....LOCAL
 MURDERS BANNER TRIB AND HIGH SCHOOL TEST SCANDAL BANNERS
 NY NEWS.

OTHER MAJOR P. 1 STORIES: WESTMINSTER BOMBING....
 SUPREME COURT REFUSES TO HEAR KERNER APPEAL....JUDICIARY TO
 STUDY COX FIRING....DOD SECY. SEES POSSIBLE MIRV ACCORD.
 ...OPEC BOOSTS ROYALTIES, EXTENDS OIL PRICE FREEZE....PRC
 A-TEST (P. 1 ONLY IN TIMES.)

S P. 1 TIMES: "CATTLEMEN TO GET
 SUPERMKT AID/MOVE TO CUT MEAT PRICE AND PROMOTE SALES PROMISED
 AT WH"....P. 1 POST: "BEEF SUPPLIES HELD BACK TO BOOST
 PRICES."....P. 1 SUN: "US MOVES TO SHORE UP MEAT PRICES
 FOR INDUSTRY."....P. 7 TRIB: "US PLANS SPECIAL BEEF SALE
 TO EASE PRESSURE ON FARMERS."

OTHER PROMINENT COVERAGE OF SCHLESINGER: "HOPEFUL OF
 ARMS LIMIT"...."US/SOVIET TALKS MAY SPUR NUCLEAR ACCORD."....
 "MAJOR PACT ISN'T LIKELY."...."SEES HOPE OF PACT TO LIMIT
 WARHEADS."

TIMES EDIT FINDS GROUNDS FOR RN'S CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM.
 ARAB CONFIDENCE IN RN/HAK IS ENCOURAGING. RENEWED SYRIAN
 RELATIONS IS "PARTICULARLY NOTABLE" AND BREZHNEV'S HOPE FOR
 MOSCOW IS A "FAVORABLE OMEN." BUT US CAN'T CONTINUE TO TRY
 TO SIDESTEP PALESTINIAN PROBLEM...SUN WELCOMES RN SUPPORT
 FOR ISRAEL WHILE RAPPING HIS CALL ON RABIN TO TAKE RISKS FOR
 PEACE. IF ANY ONE, ASSAD WAS THE ONE WHO NEEDED SUCH A
 LECTURE...."BETTER DAYS ALL OVER M-E LOOK FAR MORE PROBABLE
 NOW THAN 6 MONTHS AGO; THANKS TO RN/HAK," SAYS NY NEWS
 CREDITING THE DUD W/ MAJOR CHANGE IN ARAB ATTITUDES...
 INQUIRER W/ DEEP RESERVATIONS ABOUT INTRODUCING NUCLEAR AID
 TO EITHER SIDE.

STORIES FROM M-E FOCUS ON US/ISRAELI STATEMENTS; HAK
 NEWS CONF; COLORFUL, WARM, "ROUSING," "SNAPPY" WELCOME IN
 JORDAN, PALESTINE SITUATION...SEVERAL PAPERS REPORT SECRET
 \$10B US/SAUDI DEAL TO GIVE THEM OUTLET FOR THEIR ENORMOUS
 OIL PROFITS...TIMES W/ ONLY SEPARATE STORY ON PN TO KIBBUTZ.
 "HAK FIRM ON THREAT TO QUIT" IS INSIDE TRIB. ALSO SHORT
 ITEM INSIDE INQUIRER: "VOW TO QUIT STANDS."...KUMPA IN SUN
 SAYS KAK APPEARED CHIPPER IN CHANGE FROM SOMBER MOOD IN
 EGYPT.

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OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE: "COLSON SAW PENTAGON PAPERS LEAKING ON DEMS" BANNERS INSIDE PAGE OF NEWS ON CC MEMO FOCUSING ON POLITICAL UTILIZATION OF THE SITUATION... ALSO ANNOUNCED INSIDE INQUIRY: "COLSON: LEAK COULD KEEP DEMS SPLIT..." "SAXBE SAYS RN 'LEAK' TO HRH/JDE WAS WRONG" INSIDE SUN... "WH USED COURTS (IN TRYING TO INFLUENCE RICHEY IN CIVIL SUIT), ACLU CHARGES" IS INSIDE TIMES... JOURNAL LOOK AT LOSS OF PRIVACY AND TIME FOR OTHER DUTIES SUFFERED BY JUDICIARY... WASH TIMES LOOK AT RODINO,

SIMON FORESEES A 2ND Q AWFULLY CLOSE TO "ZERO GROWTH," CRONKITE INTERVIEW W/ SOLYHENITSYN NEXT MON... CBS SOLONS LED BY JACKSON AND ADLAI III WANT REVIEW OF ALL MAJOR EX-IM GRANTS... NBC SPECIAL TONITE ON "THE RUSSIAN CONNECTION" ARMAND HAMMER.

JOURNAL'S LEAD STORY ON PESSIMISM AS UN LAW OF THE SEA CONF. OPENS... TIMES BANNERS INSIDE HOWEVER, "US HOPE THAT TREATY WILL SURFACE."

KEATLEY OF JOURNAL SAYS "AS USUAL ON THE HURRIED JOURNEY, RN AIDES HAD LITTLE INFO" FOR PRESS DURING ISRAELI STOP. "THEY PAID MORE ATTN TO SUCH THINGS AS GETTING CAMERAS PLACED PROPERLY SO US NEWSCASTS COULD SHOW RN GREETED BY CHEERING CROWDS. THIS FAILURE TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIVE INFO RESULTED IN AT LEAST ONE UNNECESSARY FLAP, NAMELY FEAR IN ISRAEL THAT PACT W/ EGYPT" WOULD PERMIT WEAPONS TO BE DEVELOPED.

HARSCH IN MONITOR ASSERTS IT'S MORE POLITICALLY PROMISING AND URGENT FOR RN TO DEAL W/ INFLATION THAN IT IS TO FOCUS ON FOREIGN POLICY WHERE THERE'S NO CRISIS. "US ANXIETIES TODAY AREN'T DUE TO WAR OR ALARMS OF WAR (BUT) ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TO STATE OF ECONOMY." THE REMEDIES ARE OLD-FASHIONED AND UNPOPULAR -- BUT RN'S NOT RUNNING FOR OFFICE AND COURAGEOUS STEPS ON ECONOMY "COULD BE HIS LAST CHANCE TO RECOUP HIS POLITICAL POSITION AT HOME." WERE RN TO REDUCE INFLATION EVEN TO 4, HARSCH FEELS PUBLIC WOULD BE WILLING TO HAVE FINISH HIS TERM.

JOURNAL EDIT ON WIGATE COMM REPORT SAYS "ALLEGATIONS AND EXPOSES SO FAR DON'T DO MUCH MORE TO FURTHER DISCREDIT MYTH THAT GOVT ADHERES TO BENEVOLENT NEUTRALITY IN DISPENSING ITS LARGESSE." IT SEEMS LIKE "POLITICS AS USUAL" AND WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE ABOUT IT ISN'T MOCK OUTRAGE, BUT A BETTER WAY OF DETERMINING WHERE AND HOW APPROPRIATIONS WILL BE SPENT.

WORTHY OF NOTE: ACCORDING TO JOURNAL, MARAZITI IS RARELY ASKED TO COMMENT AFTER HEARINGS BECAUSE OF HIS PRO RN-BIAS OR HIS INSUFFICIENT COMMAND OF THE EVIDENCE. VERY

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INTERESTING IN LIGHT OF THE SEEMING L487 CLIPS OF WALDIE AND CONYERS AND RANGEL AND DRINAN THAT WE'VE SEEN IN RECENT MONTHS -- ALTHO THEY HAVE SURFACED INFREQUENTLY IN PAST 2 LEAK-CONSCIOUS WEEKS,

CBS AM

PIERPOINT IN 1ST CBS AM REPORT W/ STRAIGHT ACCOUNT OF JT. STATEMENT IN JORDAN...NEXT CAME NOTE OF HILL VETO POWER ON NUKE AID PACTS...YOUNG AND HUNT TO GET IMMUNITY...JEAN MAYER ON NEED FOR WORLD FOOD RESERVES...KALB IN OTTAWA NOTING NATO "NOT WILD" ABOUT NEXTWEEK'S SESSION W/ RN. HE CALLED IT YR. OF EUR. 1 YEAR LATE.

FURTHER: RECAP OF JUDICIARY -- GOING TO COX NOW W/ QUESTION OF WITNESSES POSSIBLE LATER THIS WEEK...HARRIMAN CALLS BREZH "WILLING AND READY" TO REACH ACCORD AND SAYING IT'S VERY MUCH IN US INTEREST FOR RN TO GO AND SAYING BOTH US/USSR SHOULD DO ALL POSSIBLE IN GENEVA RE: M-E...SILBERT HEARINGS W/ ROK TO TESTIFY TUES AND REPORTER CONTINUED TO WONDER WHY RN GAVE HILL ANOTHER CHANCE TO PROBE WIGATE VIA THIS CHOICE...CLIP OF SAXBE RAPPING RN ON GIVING HRH/JDE INFO ON G-J...SCHLESINGER ON FILM AS HE PRAISED RN'S PATRIOTISM...BRIEF FILM OF JORDAN ARRIVAL.

TODAY

AFTER LEAD NOTES ON RN IN JORDAN W/ PROMISE OF CONTID AID AND SAXBE CAME REPORT BY UTLEY ON THE "AMAZING, DRAMATIC COME BACK" BY US IN ARAB WORLD. FILM OF RN AT AIRPORT, MOTORCADE, STATE DINNER -- SOUND CLIP AS RN SAID CAN'T TELL WHERE JOURNEY WILL END, BUT THE TRIP HAS BEGUN AND THO THIS IS LAST STOP OF TOUR, IT'S ONLY BEGINNING "JOURNEY FOR PEACE." FRIENDLY, IF NOT EXACTLY ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION W/ HEAVY SECURITY, WHILE US INFLUENCE IN M-E IS UP CONSIDERABLY AND RNIS DETERMINED TO MOVE BOTH SIDES TOGETHER FOR LASTING PEACE. RNIS VISIT ISN'T GUARANTEE OF FUTURE PROGRESS, BUT BEST OPPORTUNITY IN OVER 25 YEARS AND PERHAPS LAST FOR LONG TIME TO COME FOR REAL, LASTING PEACE.

TODAY ALSO NOTED POST STORY ON JUDICIARY MEMO ON RN "CULPABILITY" RE: HUSH MONEY; KALMBACH FILM; LEVINE ON BEEF PRICES SAID PROSPECTS ARE CONSUMERS ARE LIKELY TO BUY LESS BEEF AND PRICES ARE LIKELY TO GO UP AGAIN IN FUTURE; WOODWARD/BERNSTEIN EMPHASIZED THEY'D NOT PASS JUDGMENT ON RN, WERE LOOKING AT EVIDENCE ETC, ALL IN ALL, COMING ACROSS AS OBJECTIVE FELLOWS W/ MOST OF INTERVIEWS FOCUSING ON THEIR PROBLEMS IN REPORTING THE STORY. WOODWARD RECOUNTED CALL TO HAK AND HIS OUTBURST OVER QUESTIONS RE: TAPS AND HE SAID HAK HAD TO BE TREATED LIKE ANYONE ELSE.

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TODAY REPORT ON SLIGHTLY INCREASED PRICES FOR CATTLE
AS RESULT OF MONDAY W/HOLDING. LOOK AT CATTLEMEN'S PROBLEMS
IN 2ND HALF HOUR -- COSTS UP, CAN'T MAKE IT, LOSING MUCH
MONEY ETC, LEAVING THE BUSINESS, RAPPING IMPORTS WHICH HAVE
MADE US WORLD DUMPING GROUND, SHARP CALLS ON ADMIN TO ACT.

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